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SUBJ: MY JULY 7 SPEECH TO CHINESE MANUFACTURERES ASSOICATION

PERHAPS I AM BEING OVER CAUTIOUS BUT WULD LIKE TO CHECK THE FOLLOWING PASSAGE ON CHINA WITH DEPARTMENT IN CASE ANYTHING SHOULD BE ADDED OR CHANGED. SPEECH WILL BE TRANSLATED AND REPRODUCED ON JULY 6 HONG KONG TIME SO WOULD APPRECIATE IMMEDIATE REPLY. QUOTE ALTHOUGH WE REFER TO JAPAN AS THE CORNERSTONE OF OUR POLICY IN EAST ASIA, WE CONTINUE TO SEE GREAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR CREATING A CONSTRUCTIVE RELATION-SHIP WITH THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA. ALTHOUGH THE IDEOLOGIES AND SOCIAL SYSTEMS OF THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE VASTLY DIFFERENT, CHINESE AND AMERICANS NO LONGER FACE EACH OTHER IN THE HARSH HOSTILITY OF THE 50S AND 60S. THIS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE CHINA PLAYS A VITAL ROLE IN MAINTAINING WORLD PEACE. AS OUR DIALOGUE EXPANDS, HOPEFULLY WE WILL FIND A COMMON OUTLOOK ON SOME WORLD ISSUES AND DEVELOPMENTS. AS WE FURTHER FEFINE AREAS OF MUTUAL INTEREST OVER A PERIOD OF TIME. IT MAY BE THAT WE CAN FIND PLACES WHERE WE CAN COOPERATE BUT AT LEAST NOT OPPOSE EACH OTHER. AS SECRETARY VANCE SAID THE OTHER DAY, REPEATING A POSITION TAKEN CONSISTENTLY IN THE 5 CONFIDENTIAL

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AND A HALF YEARS SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE, WE WILL CONTINUE TO BE GUIDED BY ITS PRINCIPLES AND ON THAT BASIS WILL SEEK TO MOVE TOWARDS FULL NORMALIZATION OF RELATIONS. WE ACKNOWLEDGE THE VIEW EXPRESSED IN THE SHANGHAI COMMUNIQUE THAT THERE IS BUT ONE CHINA. WE ALSO PLACE IMPORTANCE ON THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE TAIWAN QUESTION BY THE CHINESE THEMSELVES.

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